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David Albins quits; fourth Union chief in the last two years

by Marian May

David Albins is resigning today from his position as the Union's building manager.

Albins cited "personal reasons" as his reason for leaving the job. He said that there are no bitter feelings involved. "I like the gang in this building. The majority are wonderful kids; they keep me young," he said.

Long-time Union hacks expressed regret about Albins' resignation. One said that "he is the best building manager the Union has seen in a long time."

He said that this year, everything is in "good shape," with very few broken toilets or lights.

Albins said that he was chosen out of approximately 50 applicants for the job because of his qualifications. These include 18 years of "administrative experience as well as a BA in business administration."

He said that the building manager's duties depended on the particular person who was filling the position. His obligations include taking care of most room reservations and looking after building repairs, as well as doing actual repair work on occasion. He did not receive a list of specific duties when he was hired by last year's executive.

Internal vice-president Robert Amato said that "The building manager is responsible for the day to day operation of the building. His job is to enforce the policies that the Internal vice-president makes".

He said that the internal vice-president needs to take the active role in creating and implementing Union policy, a position that in the past, building managers have filled. Recently, Amato said, he has been attempting to "accommodate the changing roles."

Amato said that there is no contract with Albins because there are no contracts for any Students' Society employees. All agreements were verbal and were ratified through Council, Amato said. Contracts are only given to those who are "especially skilled, such as electricians, for a short term job."

Mario Meroni

David Albins, Building Manager of the Students' Union, who is resigning his job as of tomorrow for "personal reasons." He has been described as the "best building manager in a long time." There has been no word of a replacement nor any indication of how long the building will remain without a permanent manager.

ARTS & SCIENCE STUDENTS

Course change from September 29 to October 3. Pick up instructions and cards from the Student Affairs Ofice, Dawson Hall.

Grape boycott goes on

Farmworkers in uphill battle despite new law

by Justin Loughry

We have learned to match our opponents' riches with our blood, sweat, dedication, and hard work. For all their money and sordid influence, the growers and teamsters have not been able to destroy our movement. Now our time has come...

Cesar Chavez, Report to Second Constitutional Convention of the United Farm Workers of America, Aug 15, 1975.

Thus did United Farm Workers Association (UFW) President Cesar Chavez herald the recently-instituted California Labor Relations Act as the bellwether of a new era for agricultural labor unionism.

Under the landmark legislation, which became effective this past August 28, farmworkers throughout the State of California now have an unprecedented opportunity to select the union representation of their choice through state-supervised free union elections.

Much of the media and many farmworker supporters have hailed this enabling legislation as the promise of salvation for the oppressed farmworker and the UFW. The on-going elections in California lettuce fields and vineyards should contribute to a just resolution of the three-year-old conflict between the UFW and the Teamsters Union over which organization truly represents the migrant farmworkers.

Such a sanguine outlook however, relies heavily upon the integrity and incorruptability of the elections process—what has transpired in past weeks indicates that this pre-condition is conspicuously lacking in much of the proceedings.

Reports from the media and church groups monitoring the election campaigns highlight a variety of irregularities, including grower harassment of UFW partisans, teamster intimidation of UFW organizers, coercion of workers, and denial of UFW organizers' legitimate requests for access to workers on the job.

Furthermore, without sustained public support even a long succession of UFW election triumphs will not deliver farmworkers from their current plight.

Essential to an understanding of the fragile integrity of the elections process and its brilliant, though uncertain, promise for the future of the farmworkers, is an historical perspective on agricultural labor's struggle for self-determination.

UFW movement begins

In The Grapes of Wrath, the classic portrait of migrant farm labour life in the thirties, John Steinbeck wrote apocalyptically of the forsaken migrants who sought work in the American Southwest: "Three hundred thousand—if they ever move under a leader—the end. Three hundred thousand hungry and miserable; if they ever know themselves, the land will be theirs."

If the author hoped to inspire such change in his lifetime, he died a disillusioned man. For political impotence and economic bondage dogged the agricultural labor force well into the second half of the century.

Not until Cesar Chavez, a farmwork himself, founded the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee thirteen years ago did Steinbeck's prophecy near reality. Out of a Delano California slum emerged the dream of a union managed by the workers themselves, a solidarity of farm labor that would repeal the injustices suffered by two generations of farmworkers.

Chavez organized relentlessly for the better part of the decade. Eight years of work stoppages, hunger strikes, and nationwide consumer boycotts succeeded in unfurling the UFW Aztec eagle flag over three hundred ranches and vineyards in the American Southwest. The UFW's insistence on the right of farmworkers to unionize invited bitter, sometimes violent, grower opposition. Only with grudging reluctance did agribusiness surrender its hegemony over the migrants' destiny to the just process of worker-negotiated contracts. Such transfer of power from owners to labourers earned Chavez and the UFW the still undiminished enmity of growers and agricultural corporations.

Without statutory protections farm workers were excluded from both state and federal labor relations legislation until the adoption of the California law the growers' hostility rendered the covenants wrested from employers fragile instruments indeed, subject to the shifting balances of power between the UFW and the growers.

Teamsters arrive

If some employers pined for the day when the fledging UFW would be broken, the Teamsters Union brought promise of such a possibility with their entrance into the California lettuce and grape fields in 1972.

Many labour analysts characterize the Teamsters as the most affluent, powerful, and corrupt of American labour organizations. The mammoth union's membership rolls and financial empire testify to the accuracy of the first two judgments, and numerous federal court convictions of high teamster officials corroborate the latter pronouncement. .

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Committee for Radio McGill:
Important meeting at 8 pm to review the proposal for the reopening of Radio to be brought up at Wednesday's council meeting. All members are urged to attend and all new people are welcome, for info call Benjie at 488-1156.

Anthropology Students Association:
The first meeting of the A.S.A. at 12:30 pm in Leacock 738. Nominations for the undergraduate committee and this years activities will be discussed.

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McGill Outing Club:
Organizational meeting for rock-climbing school tonight at 7:30 pm in Union Ballroom. Everyone intending to climb must come to the meeting as space is limited. Refreshments will be served.

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what's what

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First meeting of this school year to plan future activities. All science workers, teachers, students and just-plain-interested people are welcome. Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 pm. Union 307.

WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE PRESS
Women interested in joining or helping are urged to come to a meeting in Union 467, 7 pm on Thursday, Oct. 2.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
Join us on our trip to Ottawa on Saturday, Oct. 4, departure 9:30 am, return 9:30 pm. Cost: $6.75. Tickets available from ISA Office, Union B40.

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Farmworkers

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It is well documented that the Teamsters combined wealth, "muscle", and their penchant for corrupt practices in an attempt to drive Chavez and the UFW from the fields. Intimidation and coercion of workers, political influence with local authorities, and what many experts have termed "pervasive collusion" with growers over "sweetheart" contracts characterized the teamster organization drive. The latter tactic of collusion evinced total disregard for the wishes of the workers. It implied a complete exclusion of the labourers themselves from negotiation of the terms of contract.

As grower after grower signed with the teamsters Chavez condemned the circumvention of the workers' will and the usurping of the hard-earned right of self-determination. But agribusiness and the teamsters ignored the UFW's call for free, supervised, secret-ballot elections, prompting Chavez to launch strikes and a nationwide boycott of the growers' produce.

George Ballis in BASTA!

But having lost most of its contracts to what Chavez termed "the teamster-grower alliance", the UFW appeared to be weakening. Hope resided only in an emerging consumer consciousness of the injustice of the Teamster ascent to dominance in the California fields, a public awareness that would strengthen the boycott of teamster-labelled California produce. Slowly such support coalesced.

Church groups rallied to the UFW's side, polls conducted in the fields indicated widespread worker support for the UFW, and even a California Supreme Court opinion questioned the validity of the Teamster pretension to being the workers' chosen representative.

Boycott intensifies

After two UFW strikers were shot and killed in the violent summer of 1973, the boycott matured in its scope and intensity. Two years of sustained economic pressure on growers created the climate of compromise out of which emerged the new legislation and the opportunity for workers to join the union of their choice.

Remembering the lessons of the past, the UFW prepared itself for a life and death struggle after the adoption of the California legislation. Chavez foresaw the possible directions of the contest in his August 15th report to the second annual UFW constitutional convention: "We pledge to beat the hell out of the teamsters. If the growers wish to permit the workers to vote free from intimidation and coercion, the elections will be held and the issues resolved in short order. However, if the employers choose to litter the fields with unfair labour and unfair elections practices, then we will fight them for one hundred years until the final victory is ours. The choice is up to them..."

All indications suggest that the growers and teamsters have chosen the latter course. Citing news accounts and reports from the fields, the Montreal UFW Boycott Office points to widespread irregularities in the election campaigns already conducted.

For example, on September 2 at Stockton, California armed vigilantes prevented UFW organizers from talking to workers prior to elections at a tomato farm, in clear violation of right-to-access provisions of the new statute. On September 9 at Delano, a grower fired eight UFW supporters before the election at the Dan Tudor Farm, and denied UFW organizers access to the fields—the UFW subsequently lost the election and is appealing the results.

For a general statement on such conditions one need look no further than the U.S. Catholic Bishops Committee on the Spanish Speaking, who declared in late August: "We are convinced that members of the Teamsters union are readily given access (by growers) to speak with workers whereas members of the UFW are not given the same opportunities."

Time Magazine cited worker intimidation in its article of September 22, quoting one Delano worker as complaining, "My foreman said if we sign with Chavez, good-bye job."

Montreal boycott continues

Conversations with staff at the Montreal UFW office emphasize the need for the continuation of the lettuce and grape boycott in the face of unfair teamster and grower practices. The five-member California State Agricultural Labour Relations Board (ALRB), charged with uncovering and preventing such violations, has already been overruled once by a district court judge in Fresno, who issued a restraining order on the ALRB freedom-of-access rules. The coercion of such litigation and the logistical problems of regulation seriously undermine the Board's effectiveness, further necessitating the continuation of the boycott as a means of countervailing pressure on growers.

Most importantly, both the Montreal office and Chavez himself have emphasized the new legislation's inherent limitations in their requests for continued consumer support of the boycott. As the UFW President stated several weeks ago,

> "The law is a great victory for the workers. It will resolve for once and for all the issue of who represents farm workers in California. However, winning the right to vote is only the first battle. A union can be recognized to death and never sign a contract. Unless the workers have the economic tools with which to force the growers to negotiate in good faith, we will never sign contracts. The law protects the right of the workers to boycott, and the boycott will continue to be the key to winning strong and effective contracts after elections take place."

Based on this rationale the boycott of Califonia lettuce and table grapes continues in the Montreal area. The local headquarters has been focusing its energies upon maintaining the support of local marketers which has been given in the past two years. The local effort expands this week with the re-formation of McGill's boycott support group.

The Montreal office says that the outcome of California elections is still in doubt—in those already held the UFW has scored a number of victories, though many election results await analysis by the ALRB for verification of ballots and investigation of irregularities. But despite its abuse by growers and unfair practices, the Chavez-led union has enjoyed considerable success at the outset of what promises to be a protracted battle.

what's what around campus

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WOMEN'S UNION

We are offering a free car mechanics course as soon as we find a teacher, so if you are experienced and need some extra money please contact us in Union 457-8 or call 392-8920 or Susan at 849-0744.

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McGILL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

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ASUS FREE PRESS

Editor needed, individuals or groups interested, apply in writing by Friday, Oct. 3, to the ASUS mailbox in the Union. Include goals and a proposed format for the paper. Questions? Call Jerry Robin at 285-9073, rm. 222.

The McGill for Farmworkers Committee is again mobilizing support on campus for the boycott of iceberg lettuce and table grapes from California. The committee was founded two years ago and has worked with the United Farm Workers Union in Montreal to block the sale of these items in local stores. UFW supporters are currently petitioning Steinberg stores to honour their agreement made earlier in the year that they would not sell the boycotted grapes. Steinberg's have again begun to carry California grapes since California legislation was passed allowing farmworkers to vote for their own union, although election results are not yet complete, and the UFW is continuing the table grape boycott.

On a recent Saturday, UFW supporters were able to gather almost 4,000 signatures from Steinberg's customers supporting their position. On Friday, a women's delegation representing the UFW demanded to see Mr. Dobrin, president of Steinberg Ltd., in his office at Alexis Nihon Plaza. When informed that Mr. Dobrin was in a meeting, the delegation of approximately 25 women occupied the offices of Steinberg and talked to the workers there about the boycott. Mr. Dobrin later agreed to meet with them, and UFW supporters confronted him in a two-hour session concerning the earlier Steinberg agreement. A UFW spokesperson said that the results of the meeting had been inconclusive in terms of attaining another commitment at the present time, but that there would be more delegations in the future.

This Saturday UFW supporters will be sponsoring a 100-mile bicycle ride by Alex Prudeau, a local UFW sympathizer. Prudeau will be riding throughout the city, stopping at every Steinberg's store to publicize the boycott. Interested individuals may pledge a certain amount for each mile by contacting the United Farm Workers at 525-3936. The McGill for Farmworkers Committee will also be organizing petition drives and picket lines for the Steinberg's campaign, and there will be a meeting held this week for interested students.

Jennifer Pader
McGill for Farmworkers Committee

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**External Affairs Department,
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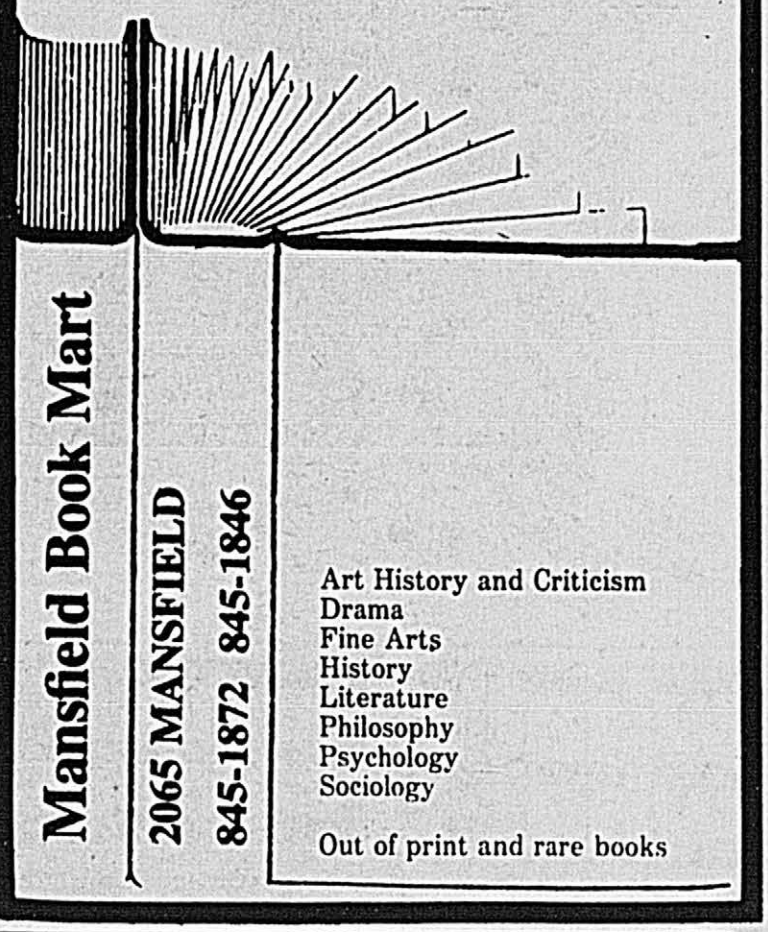

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